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SUBJECT: FURTHER RESULTS OF KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. IN ADDITION TO NOMINATING CHIANG CHING-KUO AND
HSIEH TUNG-MIN AS CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE
PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY, THE KMT CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING (WHICH ENDED FEBRUARY 15) RECONFIRMED ALL OF
THE OLD STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ANOTHER
TERM AND DELIVERED A NUMBER OF UNREMARKABLE SPEECHES AND ISSUED
A CONCLUDING MANIFESTO.

2. ALL 22 MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEE
ELECTED NOVEMBER 19, 1976, WERE RECONFIRMED IN
THEIR OFFICE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHAIRMAN CHIANG.
THERE WERE NO ADDITIONS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE
(WHICH MAY CONTAIN AS MANY AS 25 MEMBERS) NOR WERE
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THERE ANY DELETIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS. THUS,
CCK HAS GIVEN NO SIGN OF WHAT THE NEW CABINET
WILL LOOK LIKE. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE, YU KUO-HUA,
GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK AND THE MOST WIDELY
TOUTED CANDIDATE FOR PREMIER, DID NOT MAKE THE
STANDING COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH THIS BY NO
MEANS RULES HIM OUT AS A POSSIBLE PREMIER, IT

DECREASES HIS EARLIER COMMANDING LEAD IN INFORMED CIRCLES AND RELATIVELY INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PREMIERSHIP WILL GO TO ONE OF THE CURRENT STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS; E.G. NI WEN-YA OR HUANG SHAO-KU.

3. THE MEETING'S RHETORICAL EFFORTS INCLUDED REAFFIRMATION OF TRADITIONAL PARTY DOGMA; E.G. RETURN TO THE MAINLAND (VIA THE 70 PERCENT POLITICAL/30 PERCENT MILITARY SOLUTION), REMAINING IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP, ESCHEWING RELATIONS WITH ANY COMMUNIST PARTY AND REMAINING SELF-RELIANT AND COURAGEOUS. THERE WAS ALSO A NOD IN THE DIRECTION OF "UPHOLDING HUMAN RIGHTS" AND REVITALIZATION OF THE KMT PARTY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. (COMMENT: WE DETECT NO HINT OF ANY POLICY CHANGES IN ANY OF THE MAJOR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE MEETING.)
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